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IMA-EURO MWR Recreation Programs to Compete Worldwide

HEIDELBERG, Germany – Nineteen Morale Welfare and Recreation programs from the Installation Management Agency Europe Region have been selected to compete with other Army recreation programs worldwide. MWR officials here say the programs that won this year's regional awards in Germany, Belgium and Italy stand a good chance of taking top honors in the annual Army Recreation Awards Program in August.

The 2006 IMA regional awards recognized outstanding individuals and programs that have provided noteworthy MWR recreation activities at Army garrisons in Europe. MWR officials base their predictions of success in Army-wide competition on last year's performance. Europe-based MWR recreation programs dominated the awards in 2005, winning top recognition in 10 out of the 22 overall categories of Outstanding Army Recreation Programs.

The following individuals and programs have been selected as regional winners and now move on to All-Army competition:

Outstanding Garrison Recreation Program, Medium-size community: USAG Vicenza, Italy

Outstanding Recreation Employee of the Year

Vance V. Penn, Sports and Fitness Director – USAG Darmstadt, Germany

Friend of Recreation

John Beamish – USAG Vicenza, Italy

Gail Hauserman – USAG Hessen, Germany

Don Reichert – USAG Benelux, Belgium

Robert D. Snell – USAG Grafenwoehr, Germany

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Recreation Career Award

Charles J. Decelle, Auto Skills Manager – USAG Vicenza, Italy

Outstanding Recreation Program – Arts & Crafts

Medium: USAG Heidelberg, Germany

Outstanding Recreation Program-Auto Skills

Medium: USAG Vicenza, Italy

Large: USAG Grafenwoehr, Germany

Outstanding Recreation Program – Entertainment

Medium: USAG Heidelberg, Germany

Outstanding Recreation Program – Library

Small: USAG Garmisch, Germany

Medium: USAG Bamberg, Germany

Large: USAG Grafenwoehr, Germany

Outstanding Recreation Program – Outdoor Recreation

Medium: USAG Mannheim, Germany

Large: USAG Grafenwoehr, Germany

Outstanding Recreation Program – Recreation Center

Medium: USAG Wiesbaden, Germany

Outstanding Recreation Program – Sports & Fitness

Medium: USAG Vicenza, Italy

Large: USAG Grafenwoehr, Germany

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